



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

EDER

Serial No. 09/761,671

Filed: January 18, 2001

For: A DETAILED METHOD OF AND
SYSTEM FOR MODELING AND
ANALYZING BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Examiner:

Art Unit: 2163

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 41, line 16, please change "numeric and date field data" to --
transaction data and item data extracted from numeric and date fields within the
aforementioned databases (10, 15, 30, 35 and 40)--.

On page 41, line 22, please change "cumulative total value, the period to
period rate of change in value, the rolling average value and the time lagged
value of each numeric item variable" to --summary data like cumulative total
value; ratios like the period to period rate of change in value; trends like the